

least one kind of Al_2O_3 and ZrO_2 , and less than 2 wt% of at least one kind of Na_2O , K_2O , FeO , Fe_2O_3 and BaO .

2. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.

3. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is fibrous or granular.

4. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of fibers having an average fiber diameter in a range of from 2 μm to 9 μm and an average fiber length in a range of from 100 μm to 1,500 μm .

5. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of grains having an average grain size in a range of from 2 μm to 100 μm .

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has additionally rejected Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Covalleski in view of Kolesov. Claims 1 and 3-5 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Arai in view of Kolesov. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

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